

Remarks

Claims 25-28 and 30-40 are pending in this application, with claims 31-41 withdrawn from consideration in response to a prior restriction requirement. Claims 25-28 and 30 stand rejected. By way of this amendment, claims 25 and 30 have been amended.

In the Office Action mailed November 9, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 25-28 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eaton et al., US 6,618,146 for the reason of record in the previous office action. In addition, claims 25-28 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 03/061044 A2 in view of Eaton et al., US 6,818,146. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections.

Applicant has amended independent claims 25 and 30 to exclude coolant blends having a substantial amount of nitrites, nitrates, borates or silicates. Applicant would like the Examiner to take note the inherent disadvantages of using nitrites, nitrates, borates and silicates as disclosed by Eaton. Specifically, nitrites, nitrates, borates and silicates are all prone to break down at high temperatures, cause deposits, and to cause corrosion in a cooling system. All such characteristics are readily undesirable. The coolant disclosed by Eaton et al. includes all four of such compounds. Accordingly, claims 25 and 30, and claims 26-28 which depend on claim 25, are patentable over the cited prior art.

For the reasons stated above, Applicant submits that the application is in a condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely notice of allowance be issued in this case. If there are any additional fees due in connection with this matter, the Director is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 01-0265.

Respectfully submitted,

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